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-- LOME CONVENTION

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1. DURING APRIL 25 BRUSSELS VISIT OF ANGOLA DESK OFFICER,
THOMAS DOUBLEDAY, EC COMMISSION AID OFFICIAL (JOHN SCOTT)
INFORMED DOUBLEDAY AND MISSION OFFICER THAT COMMISSION
REMAINS OPTIMISTIC MOZAMBIQUE MAY YET PARTICIPATE IN
NEGOTIATIONS ON RENEWAL OF LOME CONVENTION, DUE TO BEGIN
THIS FALL. WHILE MARCH VISIT TO DAR ES SALAAM AND MAPUTO
BY EC COMMISSION DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT
MAURICE FOLEY (REF A), FAILED TO BRING ABOUT THE HOPED-FOR
COMMITMENT TO LOME II BY PRESIDENT MACHEL, SCOTT POINTS
OUT THAT: (A) PRESIDENT NYRERE CONTINUES TO PLAY AN ACTIVE
ROLE IN ENCOURAGING MOZAMBIQUE'S ACCESSION TO CONVENTION;
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AND (B) OFFICIALS IN MAPUTO HAVE AGREED, IN THE WAKE OF
FOLEY'S VISIT, TO SEND A "TECHNICAL MISSION" TO BOTH EC
AND ACP HEADQUARTERS IN BRUSSELS TO EXPLORE LOME CONVEN-
TION FRAMEWORK IN DETAIL. LATTER MISSION, SCHEDULED TO
ARRIVE HERE IN LATE MAY, REPORTEDLY WILL INCLUDE MINISTRY
OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OFFICIAL, JANET MONDLANE.
ALTHOUGH IT HAS NOT YET BEEN CONFIRMED, ACCORDING TO

SCOTT, A FOLLOW-UP VISIT TO BRUSSELS BY MINISTER OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION, DOS SANTOS, IS LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE IN JUNE.

2. REGARDING EVENTUAL ACCESSION TO CONVENTION BY MOZAMBIQUE (AND PERHAPS EVEN ANGOLA), SCOTT INDICATED THAT FOLEY AND OTHERS IN EC COMMISSION SEE JULY OAU SUMMIT IN KHARTOUM AS PIVOTAL. IF, AS THESE OFFICIALS EXPECT, AN OAU SUB-GROUP ON LOME II IS ESTABLISHED (POSSIBLY UNDER NYRERE'S CHAIRMANSHIP), THIS BODY COULD PLAY A DECISIVE ROLE NOT ONLY IN DETERMINING THE GUIDELINES FOR AFRICAN STATES' PARTICIPATION IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH COMMUNITY, BUT IN ENCOURAGING EXPANDED AFRICAN MEMBERSHIP IN LOME II. HINTON

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